

On March 30, 2010, Mozambique issued 6 stamps (Scott: 1993) that pays tribute to the following chess players: Garry Kasparov, Vasily Smyslov, Anatoly Karpov, Viswanathan Anand, Bobby Fischer and Veselin Topalov. Vladimir Kramnik is featured in the sheet selvage.



On March 30, 2010, Mozambique issued a souvenir sheet (Scott: 1993) with a single high denomination stamp, which pays tribute to chess great Vasily Smyslov (1921-2010).



On March 30, 2010, Mozambique issued 6 stamps (Scott: 1992) which features the following female chess champions: Antoaneta Stefanova, Pia Cramling, Viktorija Čmilyte, Xu Yuhua, Alexandra Kosteniuk, Judit Polgar and, in the sheet selvage, Zhu Chen.



On March 30, 2010, Mozambique issued a souvenir sheet (Scott: 2019) which features chess champion Alexandra Kosteniuk on the high denomination stamp and, in the sheet selvage, Zhu Chen.



In 2010, Bulgaria issued a souvenir sheet commemorating the Anand-Topalov match.



In 2010, Georgia issued a chess stamp. (Michel 586)



In 2010, Nagorno-Karabakh issued stamps on children's books, one including chess.



In 2010, Togo issued 2 chess stamps. (Michel 3629/3+B)



In 2010, Nepal issued its first chess commemorative cover and postmark, commemorating the 1st Lalitpur Cup International Open Rating Chess Tournament in July, 2010.



The commemorative cover issued by Nepal Philatelic Society on its 45th anniversary on 10 July, 2010.

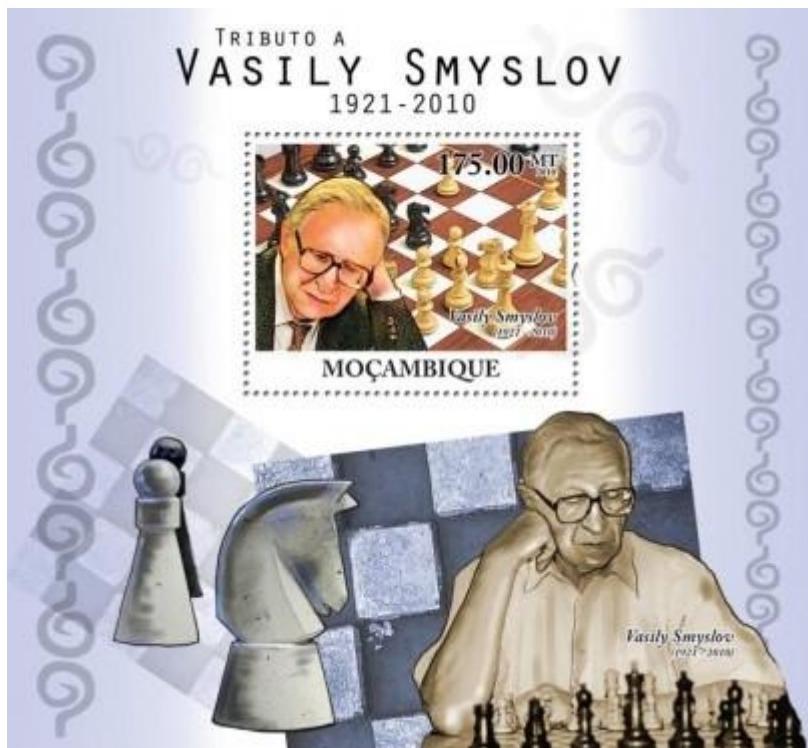


The commemorative cover issued by Nepal Philatelic Society to mark the 1st Lalitpur Cup International open Rating Chess Tournament 12-17 July 2010.

On November 30, 2010, Mozambique issued 4 stamps (Scott: 2105) that paid tribute to Vasily Smyslov (1921-2010).



On November 30, 2010, Mozambique issued a souvenir sheet (Scott: 2117) in tribute to Vasily Smyslov (1921-2010).



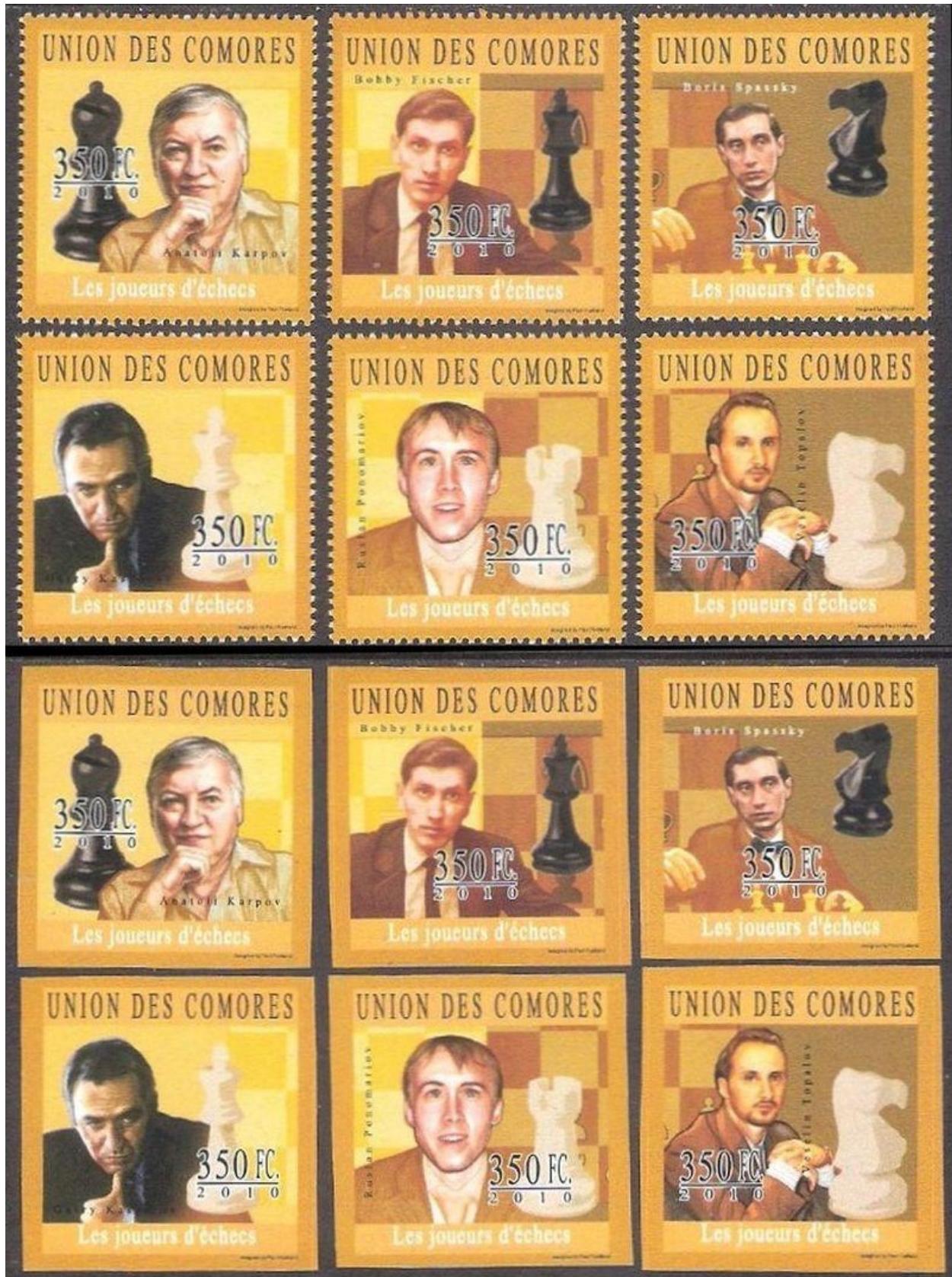
In 2010, Lithuania issued a commemorative chess stamp in honor of Vladas Mikenas (1910-1992). He was an International Master and chess journalist.



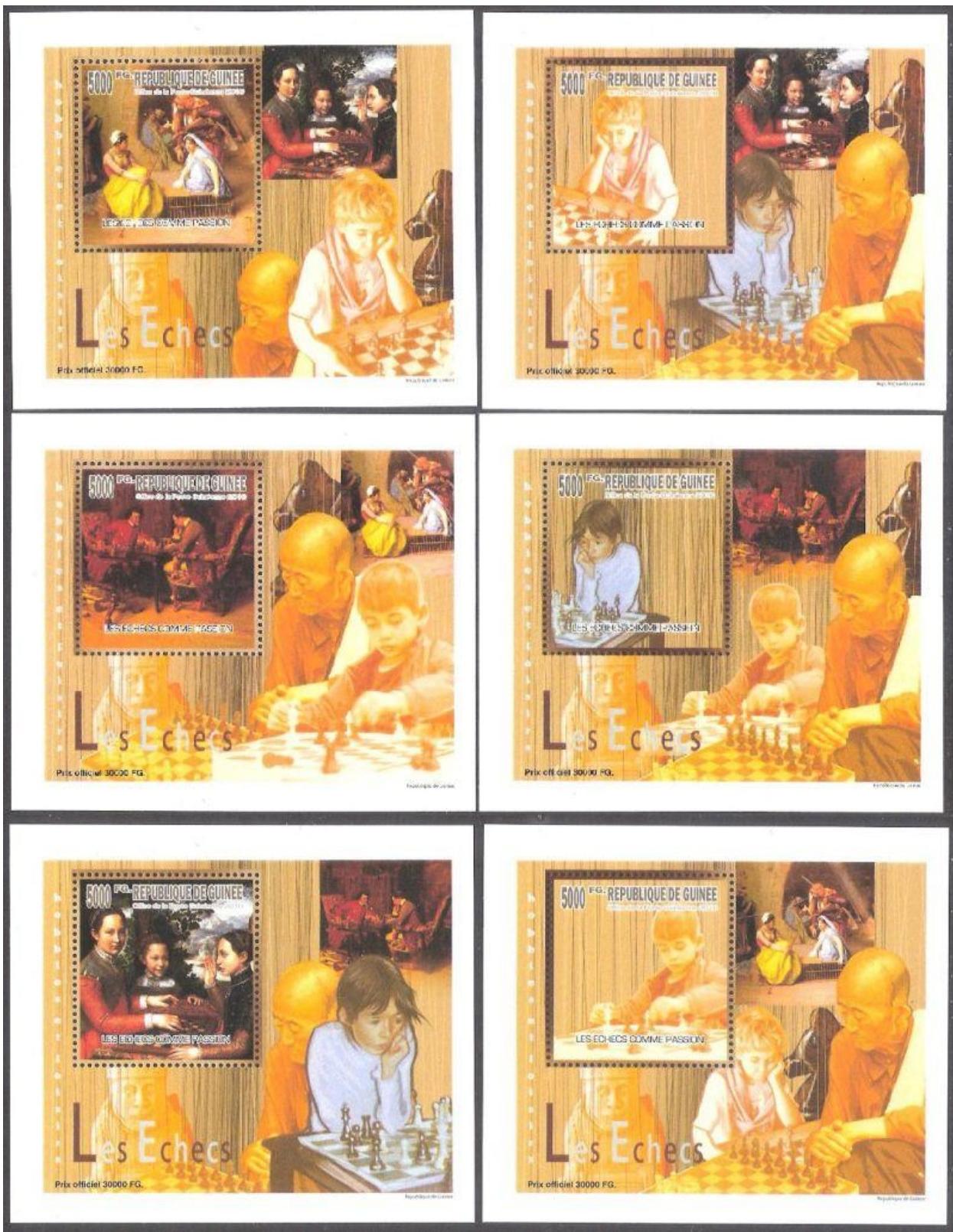
In 2010, Armenia issued a stamp depicting Henrik Kasparyan and correspondence chess.



In 2010, Comoros issued several stamps depicting chess champions. The portrait that supposed to be Boris Spassky is, instead, the actor Vladek Sheybal, who played Kronsteen in the 1963 film, *From Russia with Love*.



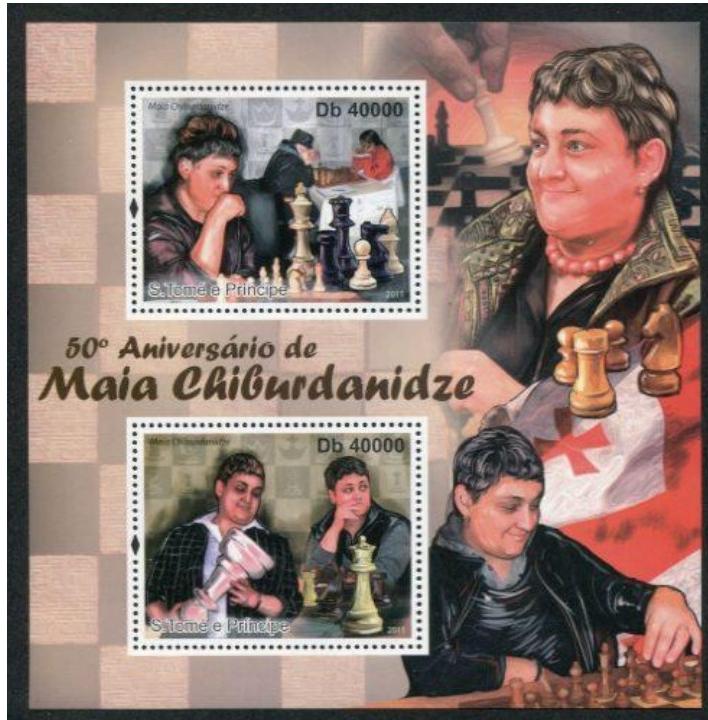
In 2010, Guinea issued several stamps depicting chess.



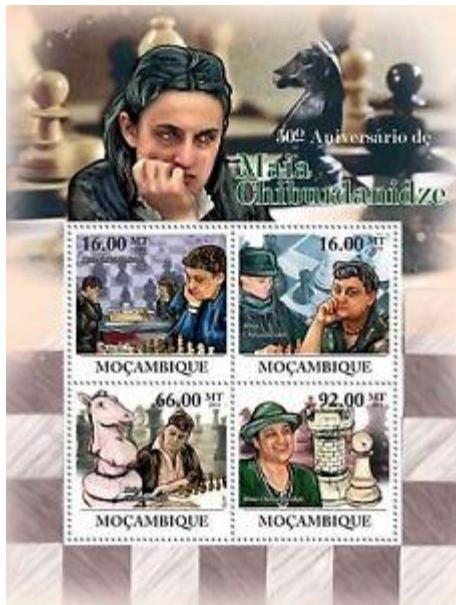
In 2010, Guinea Bissau issued a stamp depicting Vassily Ivanchuk.



In 2011, St. Thomas issued 2 stamps (Scott: 2403) honoring Maia Chiburdanidze on her 50th birthday.



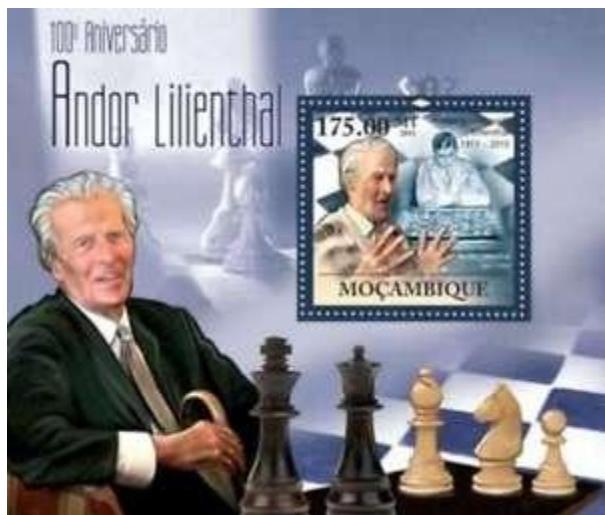
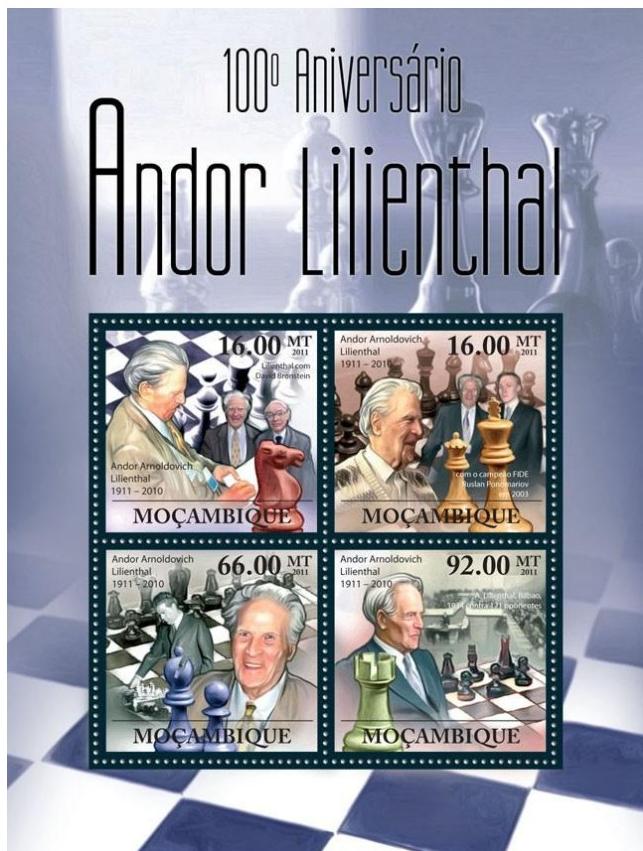
On April 30, 2011, Mozambique issued 4 stamps (Scott: 2229) featuring chess champion Maia Chiburdanidze.



On April 30, 2011, Mozambique issued a souvenir sheet (Scott: 2245) that features Maia Chiburdanidze.



On April 30, 2011, Mozambique issued 4 stamps (Scott: 2228) memorializing the 100th anniversary of Andor Lilienthal (1911-2010). A souvenir sheet (Scott: 2244) was also issued.



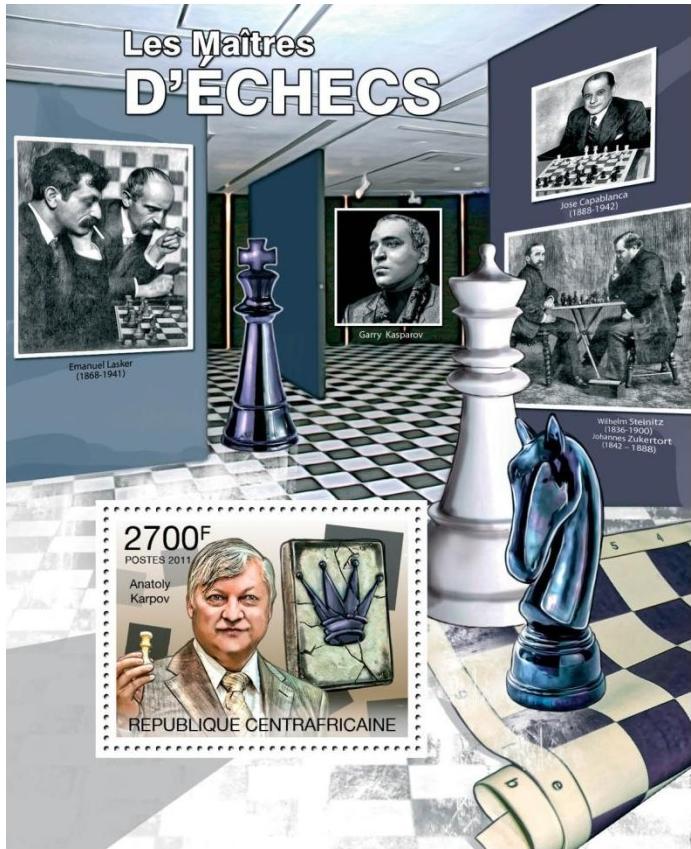
On December 30, 2011, Mozambique issued 6 stamps (Scott: 2465) that featured Mikhail Tal, Viswanathan Anand, Bobby Fischer, Vladimir Kramnik, Garry Kasparov and Boris Spassky. A souvenir sheet (Scott: 2493) was also issued featuring Anatoly Karpov.



In 2011, Central Africa issued 3 stamps (Scott: 1592) featuring Paul Morphy (1837-1884), Mikhail Botvinnik (1911-1995) and Alexander Alekhine (1892-1946), In the sheet selvage, there is a depiction of Bobby Fischer (1943-2008) and Gary Kasparov.



In 2011, Central Africa issued a souvenir sheet (Scott: 1615) featuring Anatoly Karpov on the high denomination stamp and, in the sheet selvage, Emanuel Lasker, Gary Kasparov, Jose Capablanca, Wilhelm Steinitz and Johannes Zukertort.

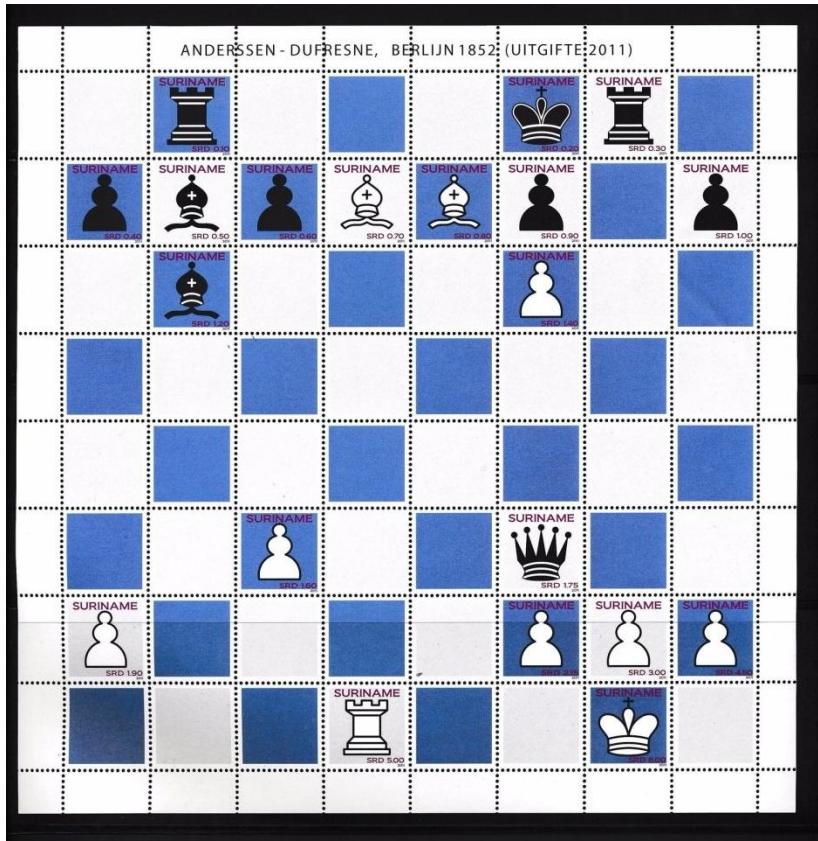


In 2011, Aruba issued a chess stamp depicting the Byrne-Fischer game of the century.

In 2011, Burundi issued 4 chess stamps and a souvenir sheet on chess.



In 2011, Suriname issued a chess stamp showing the Anderssen-Dufresne position.



In 2011, Togo issued several stamps commemorating Botvinnik's 100 anniversary.



In 2012, Burundi issued a souvenir sheet depicting the Anand-Carlsen match.



In 2012, Croatia issued a stamp commemorating their chess federation.



In 2012, Guinea issued a stamp depicting ancient and modern chess pieces.

ÉCHECS

5000 FG.



REPUBLIQUE
DE GUINEE

Office de la Poste Guinéenne 2012

15000 FG.

Un ensemble
de Chatrang,
le jeu d'échecs
de la Perse
ancienne,
du XIIe siècle.

REPUBLIC
DE GUINEE

Office de la Poste Guinéenne 2012

20000 FG.

Figurines traditionnelles
d'échecs indiens,
XVII^e siècle



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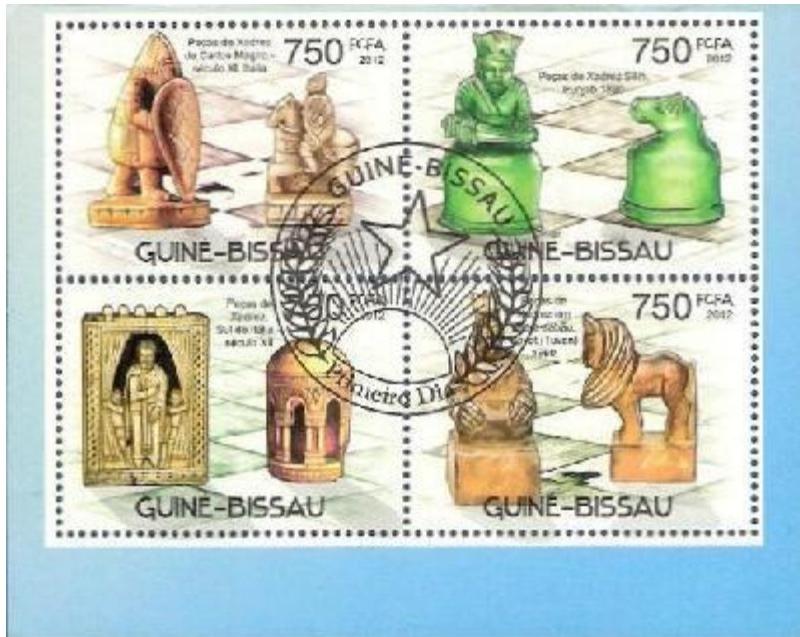
Office de la Poste Guinéenne 2012

L'histoire du jeu d'échecs s'étend sur près de 1500 ans. Le précurseur du jeu d'échecs est né en Inde, au 6^e siècle après JC. De l'Inde, le jeu se propage à la Perse. Quand les arabes ont conquis la Perse, le jeu d'échecs a été repris par le monde musulman et s'est ensuite propagé à l'Europe méridionale. En Europe, les échecs ont évolué sous leur forme actuelle dès le 15^e siècle. Dans la seconde moitié du 19^e siècle, les tournois d'échecs ont commencé et le premier championnat du monde d'échecs a eu lieu en 1886.

ÉCHECS

Une tour
noire

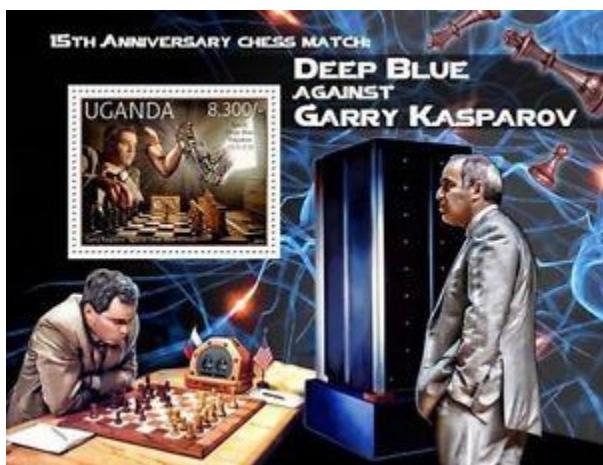
In 2012, Guinea Bissau issued 4 stamps depicting ancient chess pieces.



In 2012, Guinea Bissau issued a stamp of a chess painting on one the set of the 95th anniversary of Antipova.



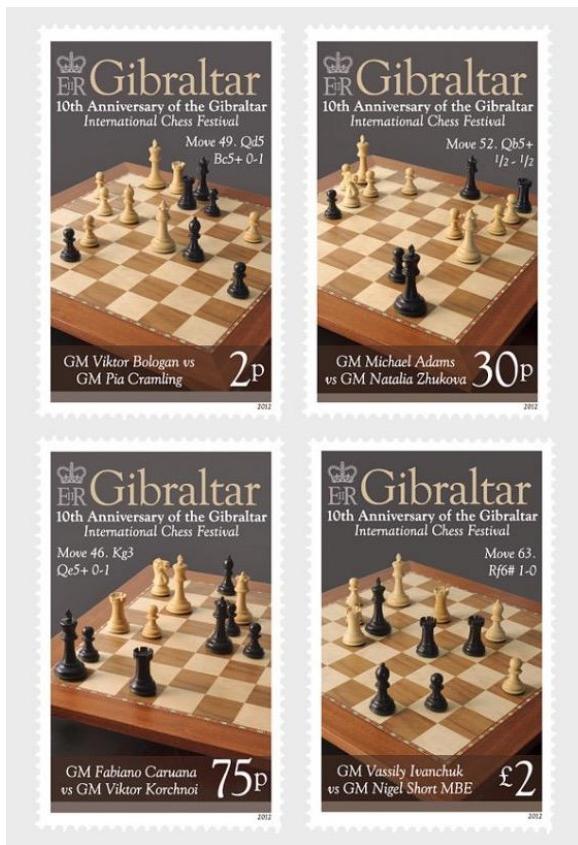
In 2012, Uganda issued 4 stamps (Scott: 1968) commemorating the 15th anniversary of the Deep Blue vs. Kasparov match. They also issued a souvenir sheet (Scott: 1969) of the Deep Blue vs. Kasparov match.



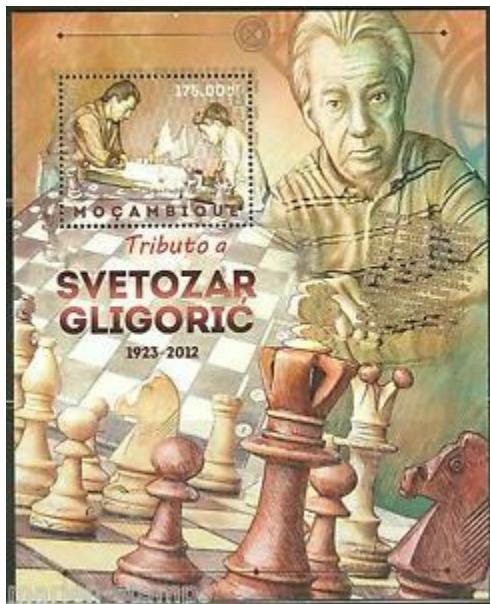
In 2012, Central Africa issued 2 souvenir sheets depicting chess masters.



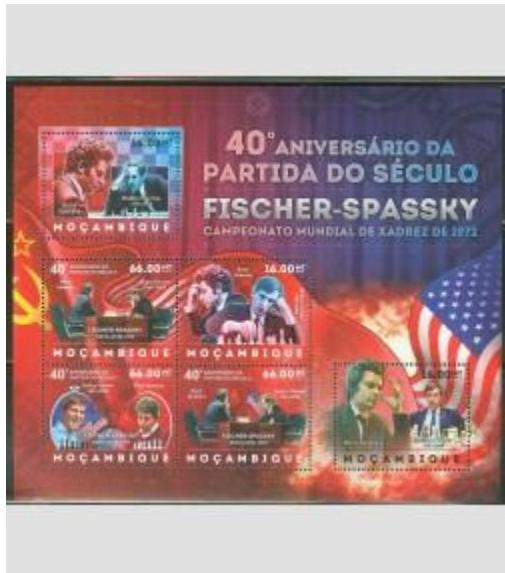
In 2012, Gibraltar issued 4 chess stamps.



On October 30, 2012, Mozambique issued 6 stamps (Scott: 2711) that paid tribute to Svetozar Gligoric (1923-2012). A souvenir sheet (Scott: 2741) was also issued. The sheet selvage featured a chess game between Gligoric and Fischer.

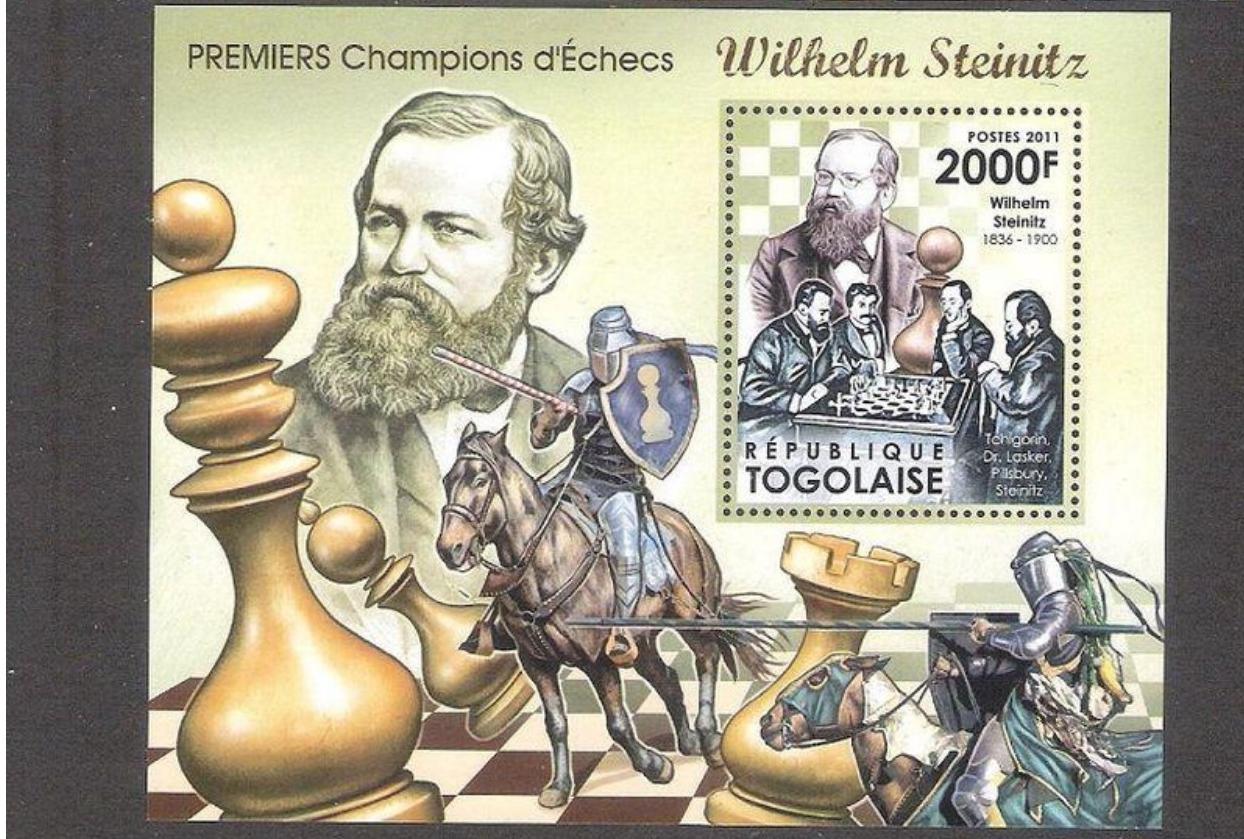


On October 30, 2012, Mozambique issued 6 stamps (Scott: 2710) to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Fischer-Spassky world championship match. A souvenir sheet (Scott: 2740) was also issued commemorating the match.



In 2012, St. Maarten issued a mini-sheet depicting a position from Botvinnik-Euwe.

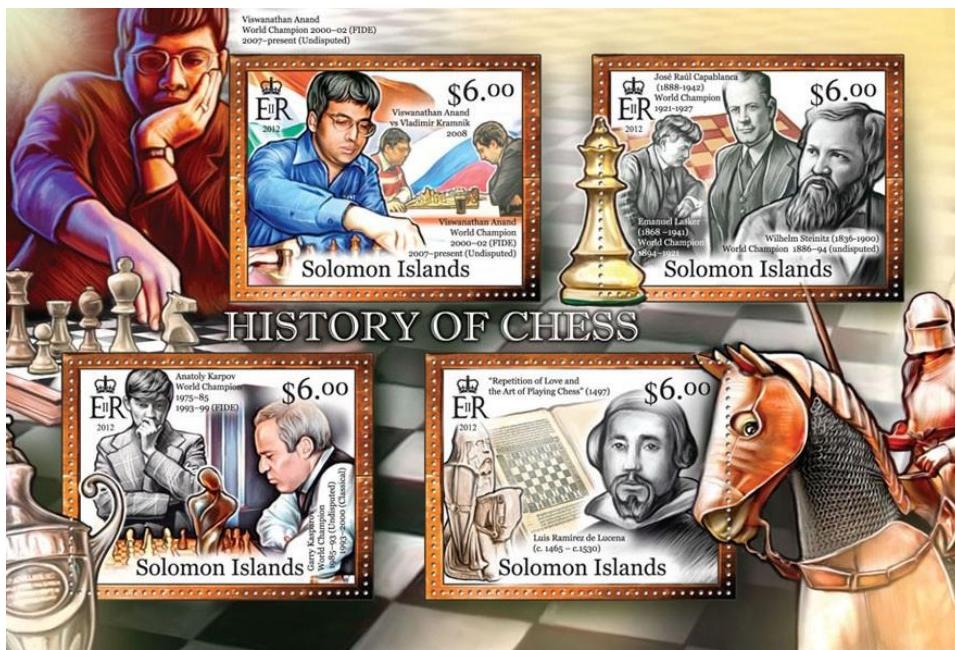
In 2012, Togo issued stamps depicting Steinitz, Capablanca, Lasker, and Alekhine/



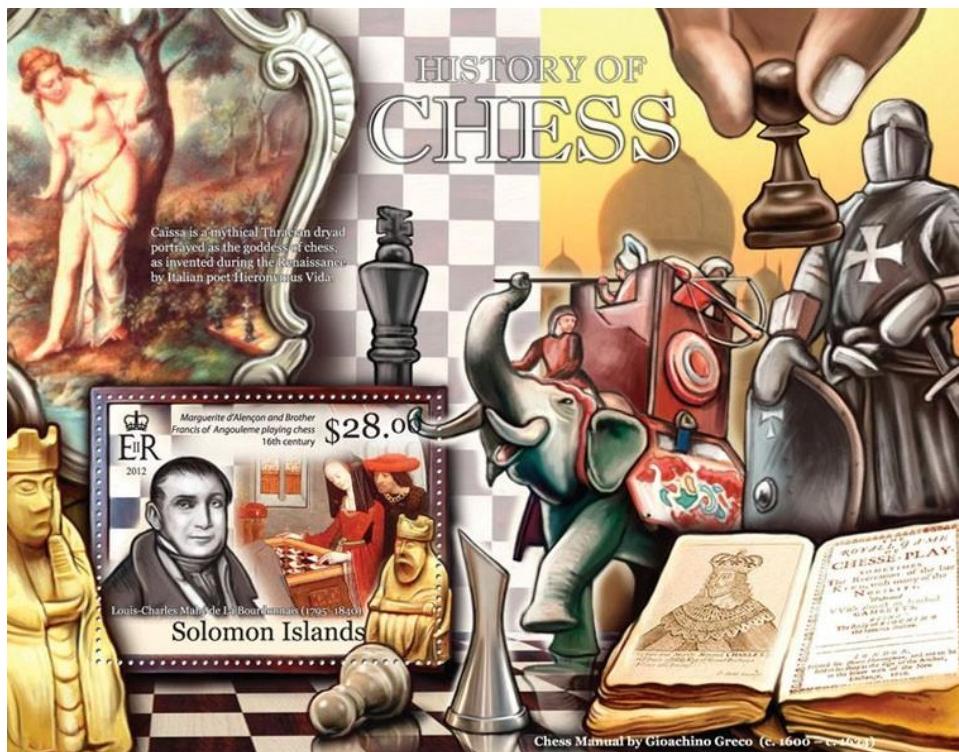
In 2012, Togo issued 4 stamps of chess masters.



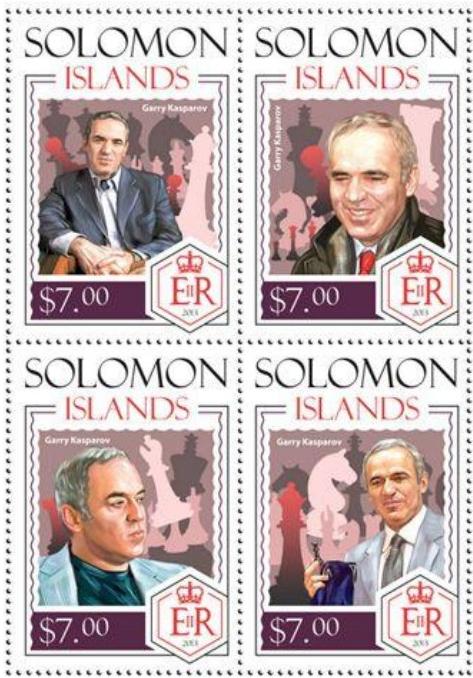
On February 15, 2013, the Solomon Islands issued 4 stamps (Scott: 1200) celebrating the history of chess. Inscriptions on the stamps describe the people and events portrayed. Former world chess champion Viswanathan Anand is featured in the sheet selvage.



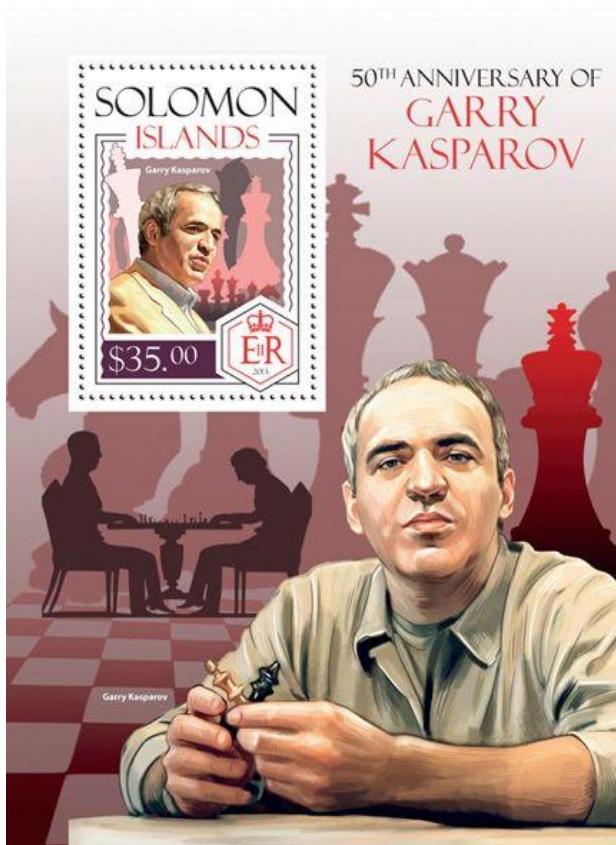
On February 15, 2013, the Solomon Islands issued a souvenir sheet, or mini-sheet, (Scott: 1223) celebrating the history of chess. The single high denomination stamp (\$28.00 S.I. dollars) features Marguerite d'Alencon and Brother Francis of Angouleme playing chess (16th century) and Louis-Charles Mahe de la Bourdonnais (1795-1840).



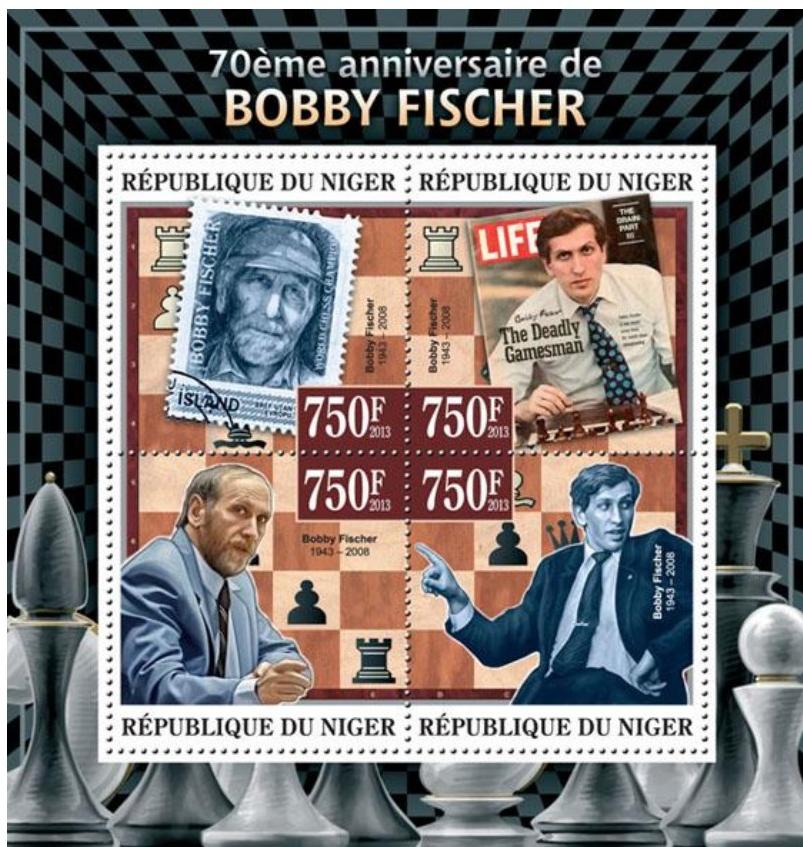
In 2013, the Solomon Islands issued 4 stamps (Scott: 1534) in tribute to Garry Kasparov's 50th birthday. They also issued a souvenir sheet (Scott: 1552) commemorating Kasparov.

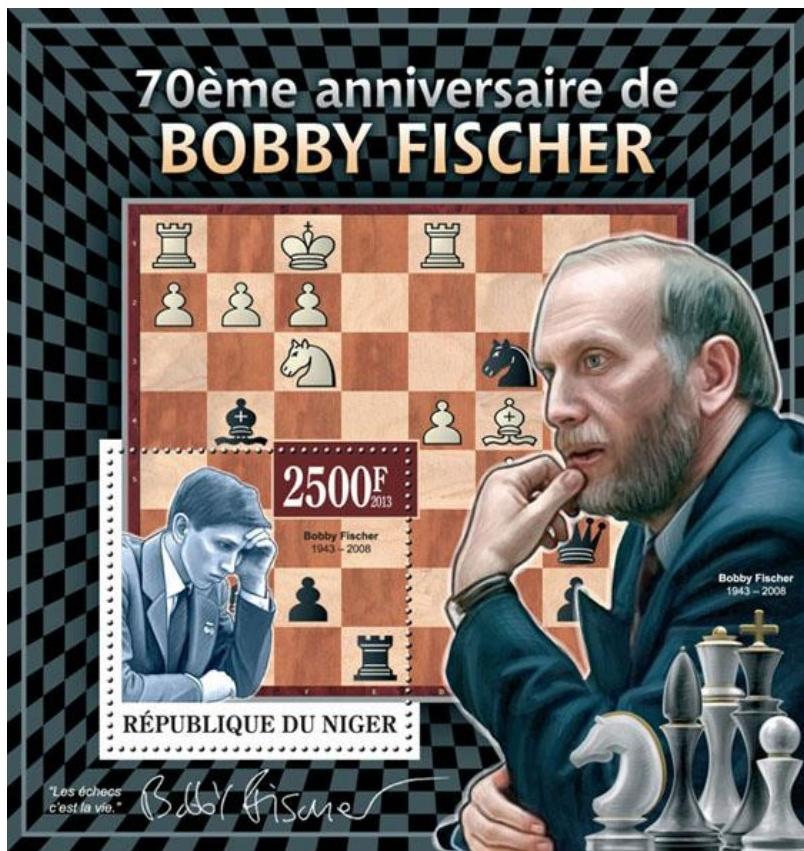


50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
GARRY KASPAROV

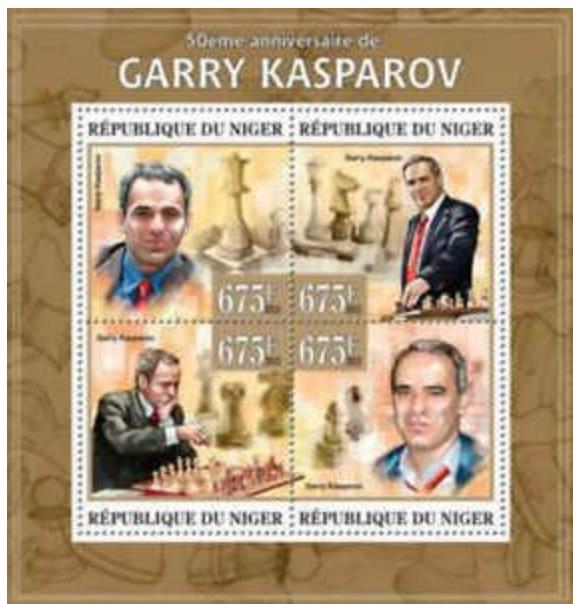


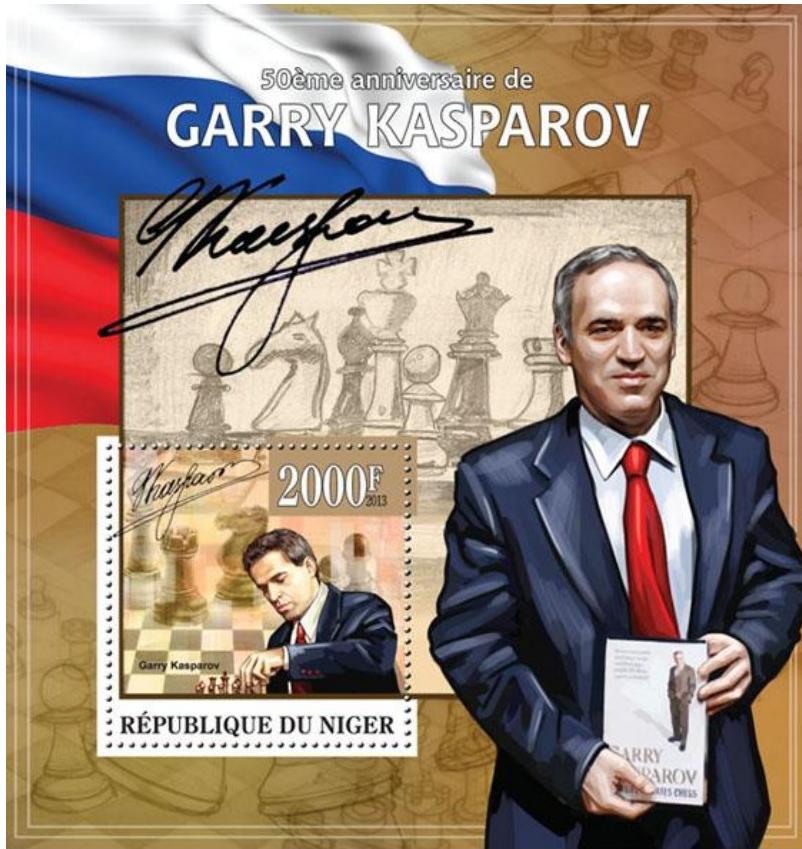
On April 15, 2013, Niger issued 4 stamps (Scott: 1184) on the occasion of Bobby Fischer's 70th birthday. A souvenir sheet (Scott: 1209) was also issued on the occasion of Fischer's 70th birthday.





On April 15, 2013, Niger issued 4 stamps (Scott: 1178) that paid tribute to Garry Kasparov. A souvenir sheet (Scott: 1203) was also issued for Garry Kasparov.





In 2013, St. Thomas issued 4 stamps (Scott: 2427) paying tribute to Bobby Fischer on occasion of the 70th anniversary of his birth. It also issued a souvenir sheet (Scott: 2447) to honor Fischer.



In 2013, St. Thomas issued 4 stamps (Scott: 2525) commemorating Garry Kasparov's 50 anniversary. It also issued a souvenir sheet (Scott: 2545) of Kasparov.

50º Aniversário de Garry Kasparov



*50º Aniversário de
Garry Kasparov*

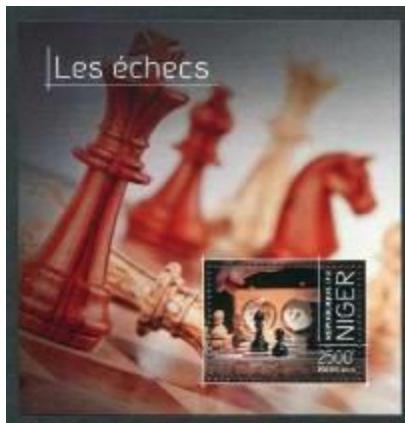
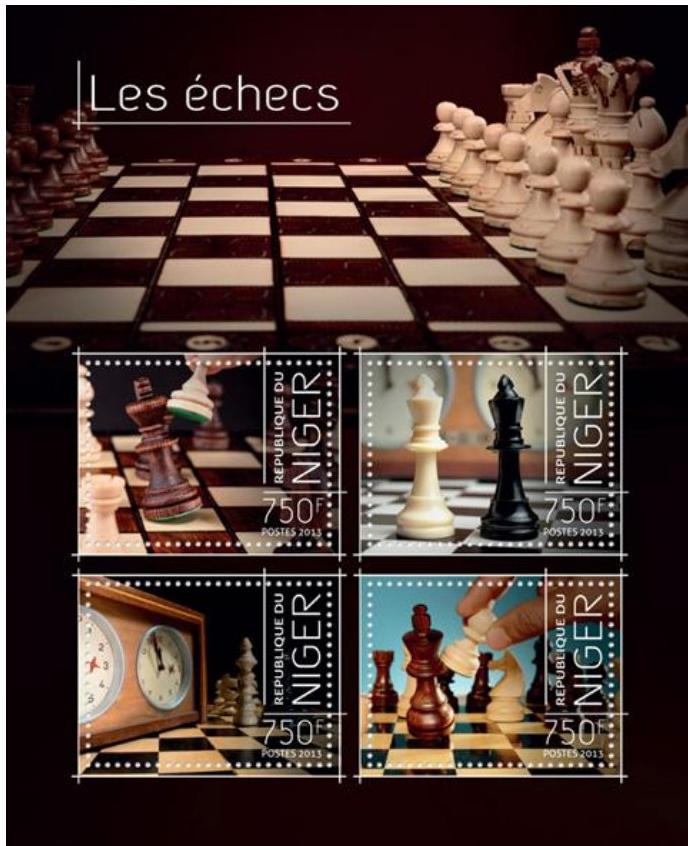


In 2013, St. Thomas issued 4 stamps (Scott: 2560) paying tribute to Magnus Carlsen. One stamp shows a drawing of Boris Becker and Carlsen. They also issued a souvenir sheet (Scott: 2579) of Magnus Carlsen.

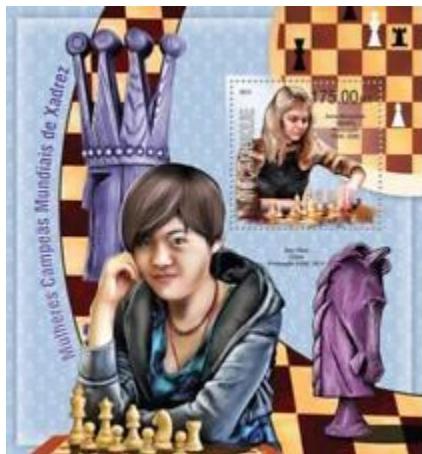
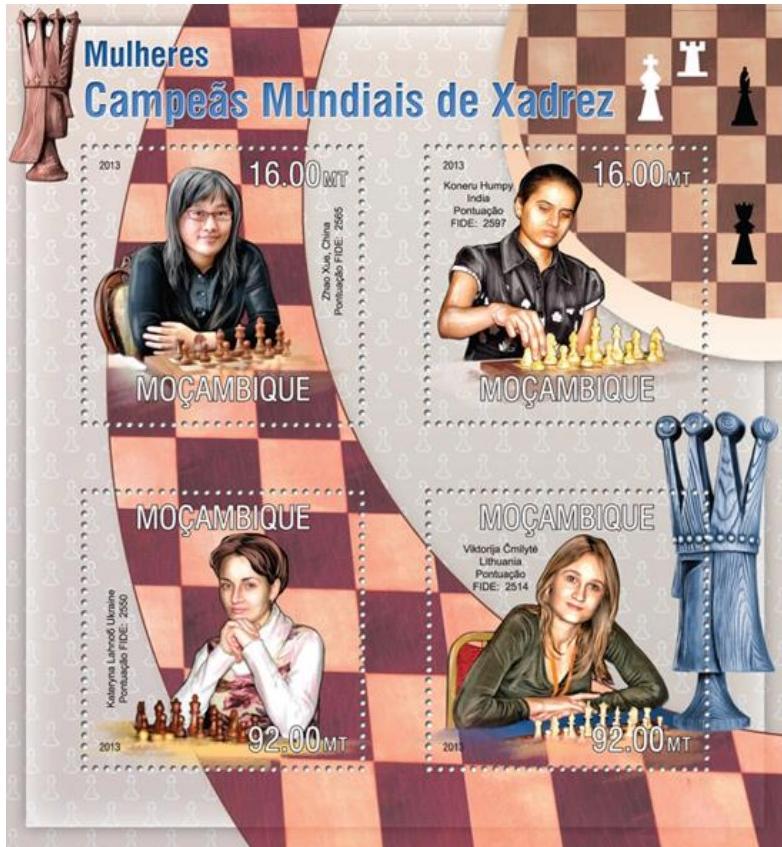
Magnus Carlsen



In 2013, Niger issued 4 stamps (Scott: 1345) featuring chess pieces, boards, and a chess clock. A souvenir sheet (Scott: 1368) was also issued.

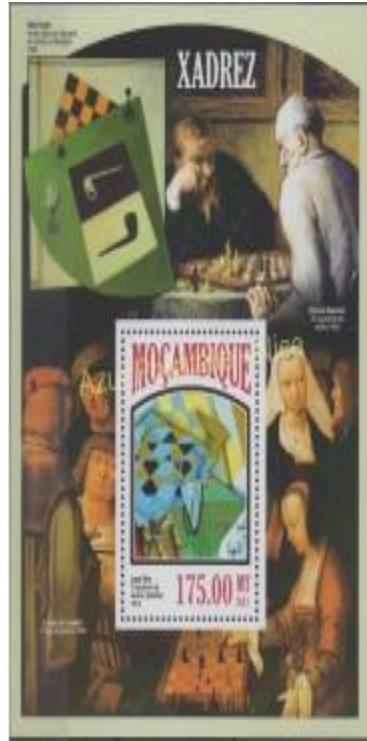
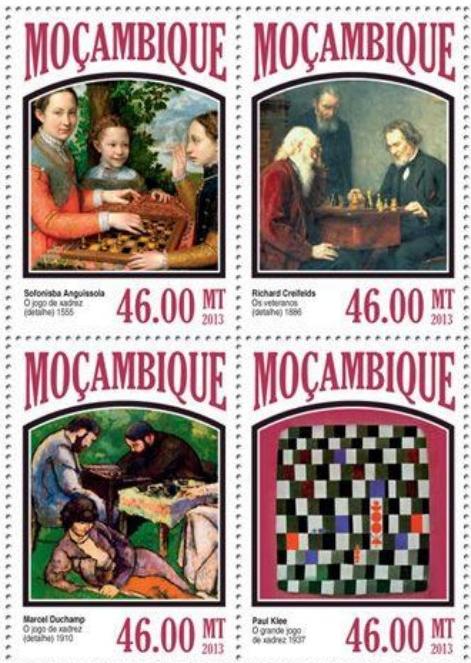


On June 25, 2013, Mozambique issued 4 stamps (Scott: 2891) that features the following world chess champions: Zhao Xue (China), Koneru Humpy (India), Kateryna Lahno (Ukraine), and Viktorija Cmilyte (Lithuania). It also issued a souvenir sheet (Scott: 2921) that pays tribute to women world chess champions. Anna Muzychuk (Ukraine) is featured on the high denomination stamp, and Hou Yifan (China) is pictured in the sheet selvage.



On September 25, 2013, Mozambique issued 4 stamps (Scott: 2954) with the theme "Chess in Art." The stamps feature chess-themed paintings by the following artists: Sofonisba Anguissola, Richard Creifelds, Marcel Duchamp and Paul Klee. A souvenir sheet (Scott: 2984) was also issued. A painting by Juan Gris is featured on the high denomination stamp and paintings by the following artists are pictures in the sheet selvage: Bela Kadar, Honore Daumier and Lucas van Leyden.

XADREZ



In 2013, Burundi issued 2 souvenir sheets of Magnus Carlsen.



In 2013, Cuba issued 4 chess stamps commemorating Capablanca.



In 2013, the Isle of Man issued 6 chess stamps depicting the Lewis chessmen.

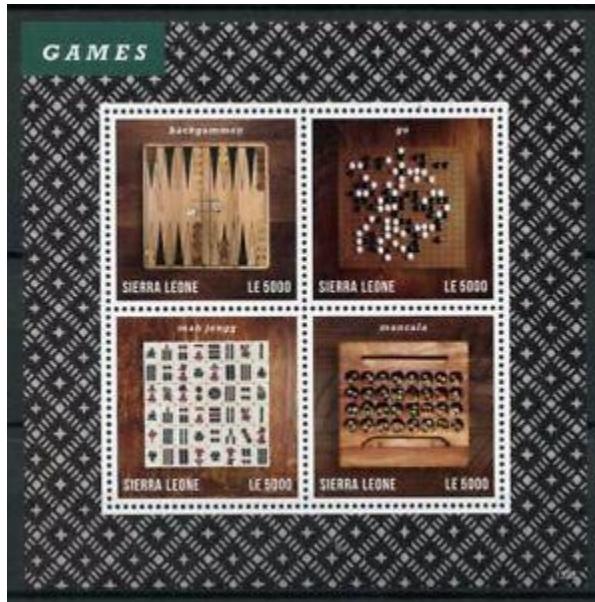


In 2013, the Netherlands issued a chess mini-sheet.

In 2013, Romania issued a chess stamp.



In 2013, Sierra Leone issued 4 stamps depicting chess history.



GAMES



The History of Chess

Chess is one of the oldest games, dating back to 6th century AD. Chess was adapted in various ways around the globe and version most are familiar with today developed in Europe in the 15th century. A game of both skill and strategy, chess is played both casually and competitively, and remains, as it has been for centuries, one of the most popular games in the world.

In 2013, St. Maarten issued a mainsheet depicting a position from the 1972 Spassky-Fischer match.

In 2013, Saint Vincent issued a chess stamp.

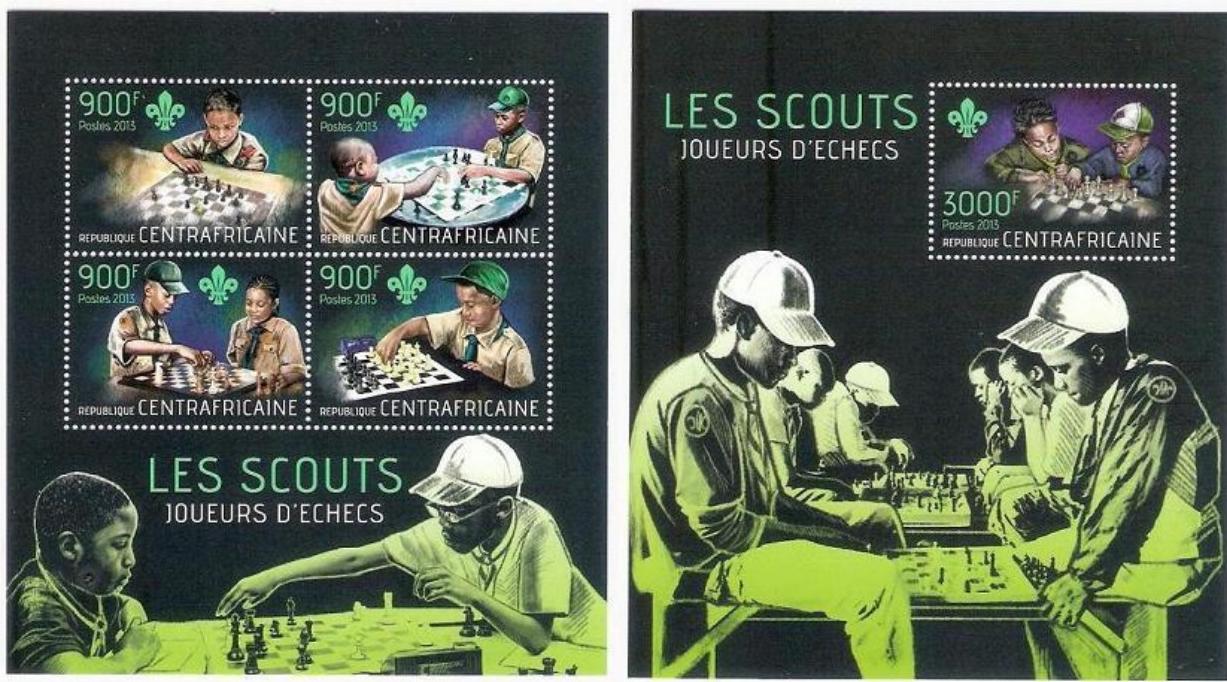
On November 18, 2013, the Maldives Islands issued 4 stamps (Scott: 3067) to commemorate Bobby Fischer's 70th birth anniversary. It also issued a souvenir sheet (Scott: 3076) of Fischer.



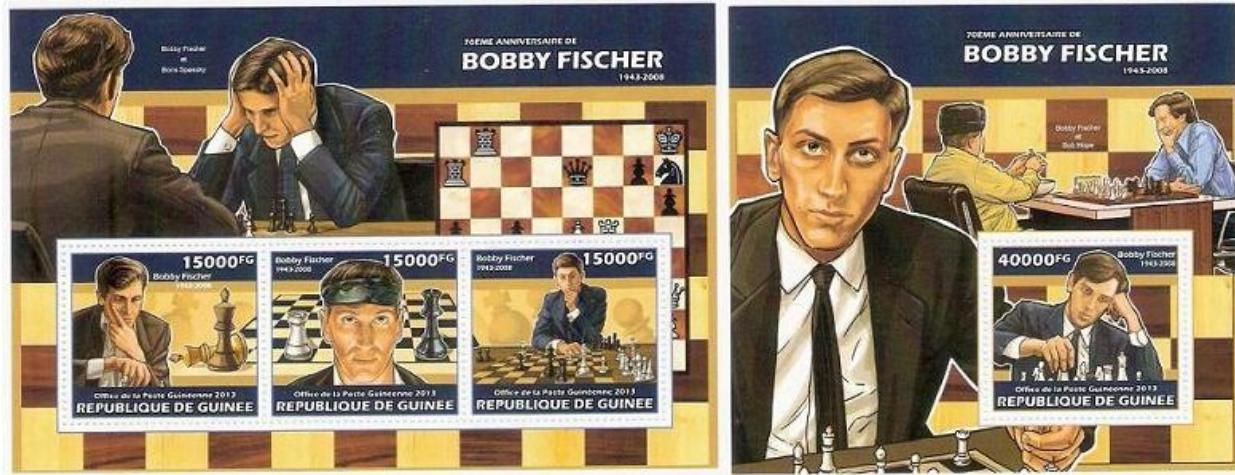
In 2013, Armenia issued several stamps commemorating Armenia as world chess team champion.



In 2013, Central Africa issued several stamps and a souvenir sheet depicting scouting and chess.



In 2013, Guinea issued a series of stamps depicting Bobby Fischer.



In 2014, St. Thomas issued 4 stamps (Scott: 2801) featuring chess-themed paintings by the following artists: Cornelis de Man (1621-1706), Max Oppenheimer (1885-1954), Ludwig Deutsch (1855-1935), and Richard Creifelds (1853-1939). They also issued a souvenir sheet (Scott: 2818) featuring chess-themed paintings by Jean-Leon Gerome (1824-1904; on the stamp) and Lucas van Leyden (1494-1533; in the sheet selvage).



In 2014, Jersey issued stamps commemorating William Shakespeare. One stamp depicts a king.



In 2014, Azerbaijan issued a chess stamp commemorating their 2013 world team chess championship.



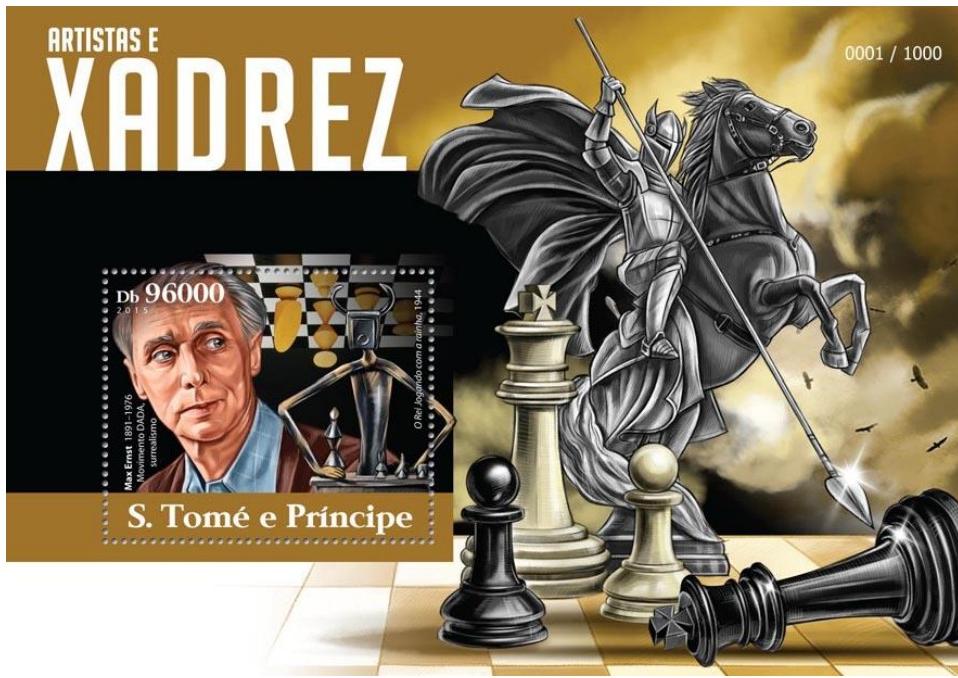
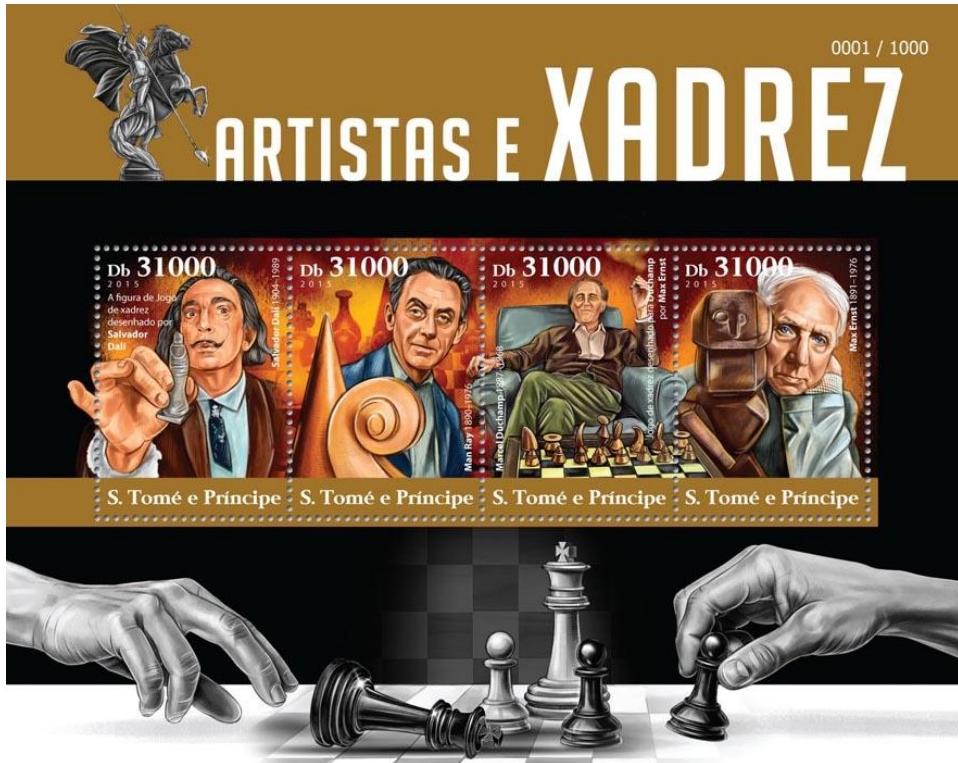
In 2014, Guinea issued 4 stamps depicting chess pieces.



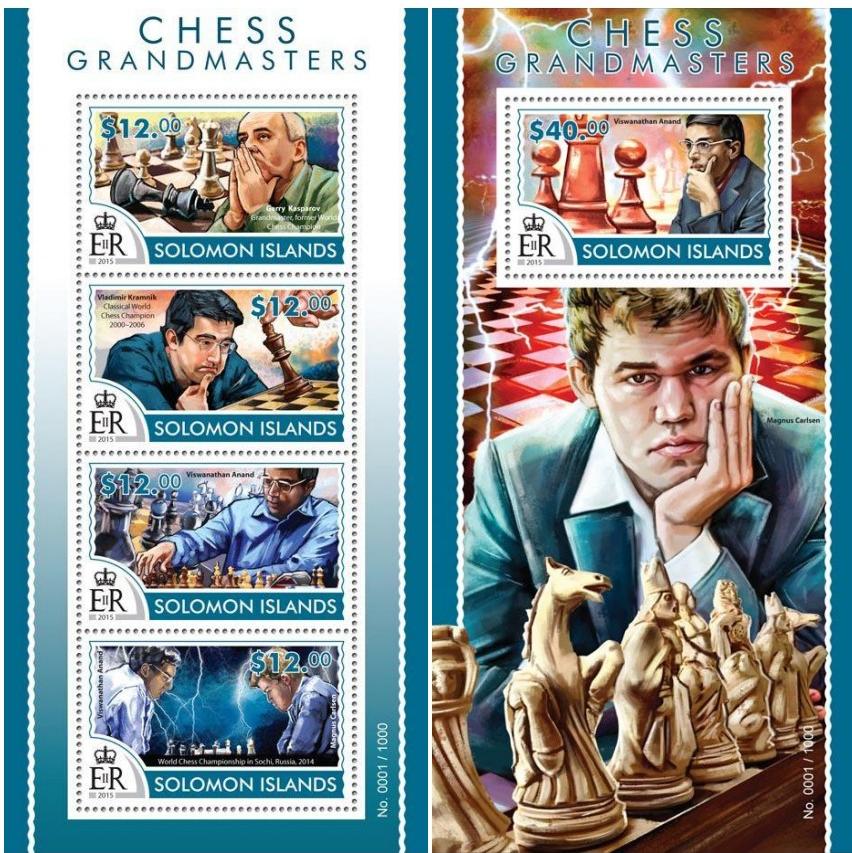
In 2015, Ukraine issued a chess stamp depicting Anna and Maria Muzichuk.



In 2015, St. Thomas issued 4 stamps (Scott: 2691) that featured artists and chess pieces. Included are the artists Salvador Dali, Man Ray and Max Ernst. They also issued a souvenir sheet (Scott: 2980) which featured a portrait of artist Max Ernst and his piece *The King playing with the Queen* on the high denomination stamp. The sheet is Titled, "Artists and Chess."



In 2015, the Solomon Islands issued 4 stamps (Scott: 1848) that featured Garry Kasparov, Vladimir Kramnik, Viswanathan Anand and Magnus Carlsen. They also issued a souvenir sheet featuring Anand. The sheet selvage depicted Magnus Carlsen with chess pieces.



In 2015, Azerbaijan issued a stamp and souvenir sheet commemorating the World Chess Cup in Baku.



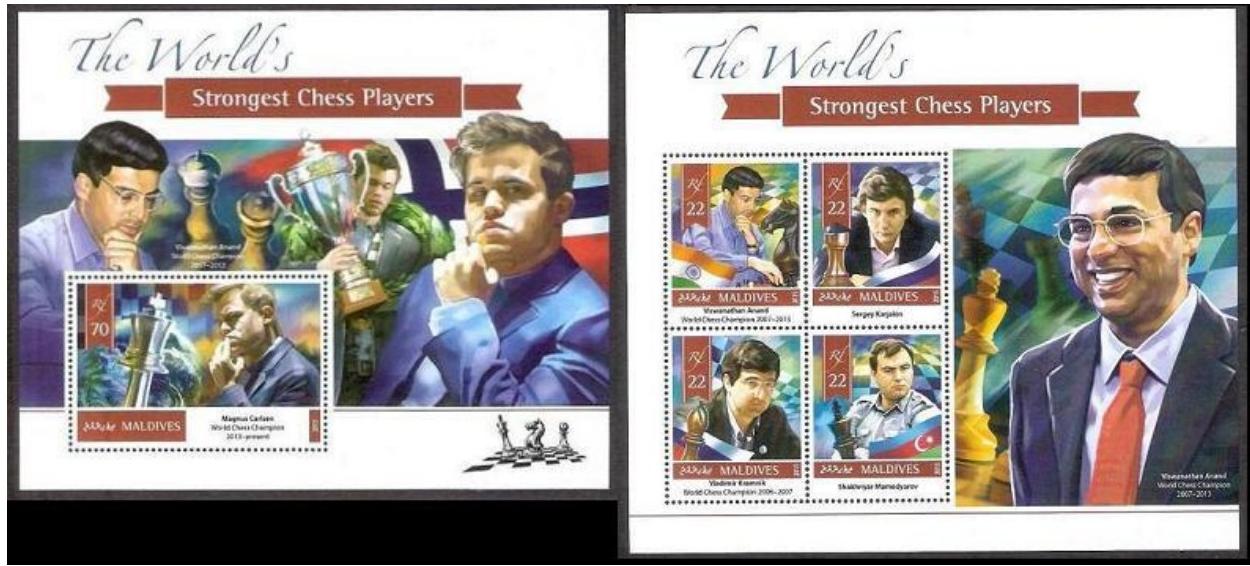
In 2015, issued 4 stamps depicting Carlsen, Anand, Kramnik, and Kamsky.



In 2015, Kyrgyzstan issued stamps and a souvenir sheet on the Asian Junior Chess Championship.



In 2015, issued stamps depicting Carlsen, Anand, Kramnik, Karjakin, and Mamedyarov.



In 2016, Kosovo a souvenir sheet was issued commemorating the European Chess Championships.



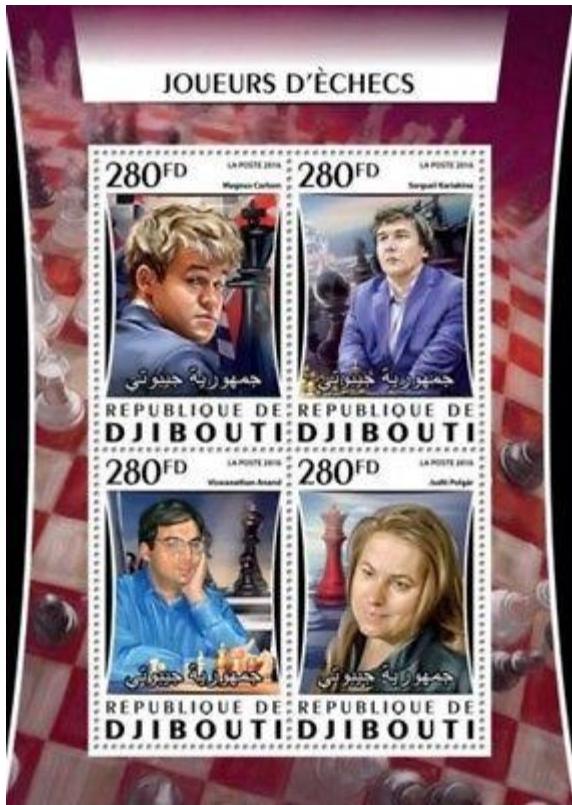
In 2016, the Netherlands issued stamps on books, including chess.



In 2016, Slovakia issued a chess stamp.



In 2016, Djibouti issued 4 stamps (Scott: 939) which features Magnus Carlsen, Sergei Karjakin, Viswanathan Anand and Judit Polgar.



In 2016, Djibouti issued a souvenir sheet (Scot: 959) which features Anatoly Karpov and Garry Kasparov on the high denomination stamp, and Magnus Carlsen and Viswanathan Anand in the sheet selvage.



In 2016, Estonia issued a stamp commemorating Paul Keres.



In 2016, Tajikistan issued 2 stamps depicting Bobby Fischer and Mikhail Botvinnik.

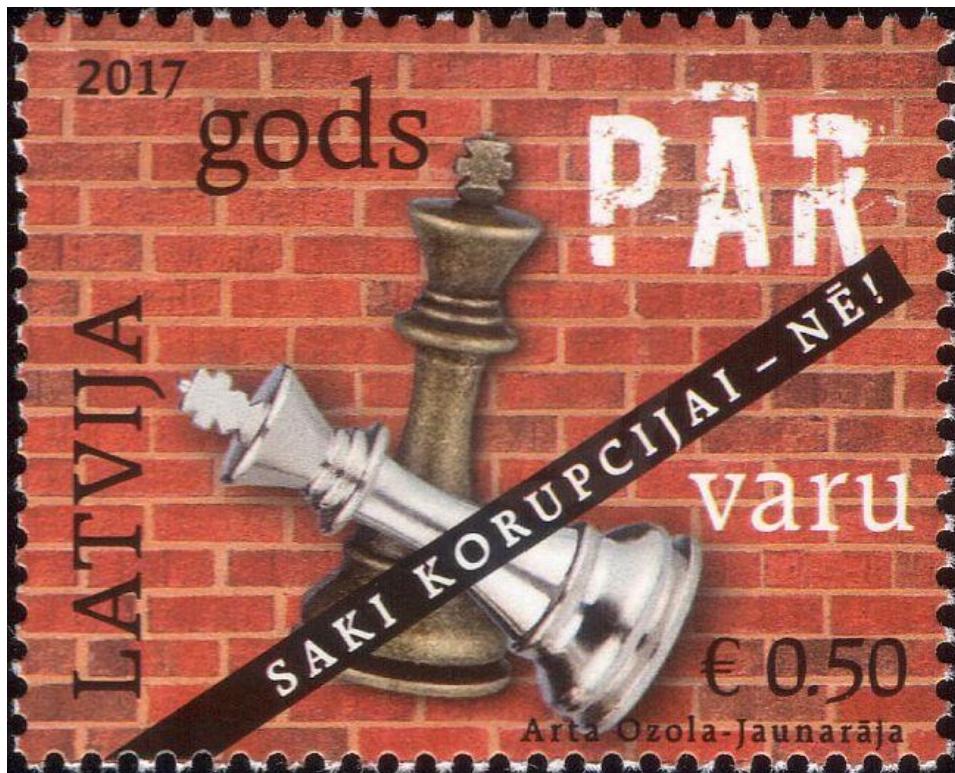


On September 1, 2016, the Kyrgyz Express Post (KEP) in Kyrgyzstan issued a stamp to mark the opening of the 42nd Chess Olympiad in Baku, Azerbaijan, which ran from September 1 through September 14, 2016. The USA team won the gold, the first time in 40 years. The stamp, with the face value of 100 KGS, was issued in miniature sheets of four stamps. The stamp was designed by Aliona Cojocari and printed by Nova Imprim.



From Oct 21, 1996 to December 15, 1996, a chess stamp exhibition was held at the National Posta Museum in Washington, DC. It featured stamps that shared the theme of chess.

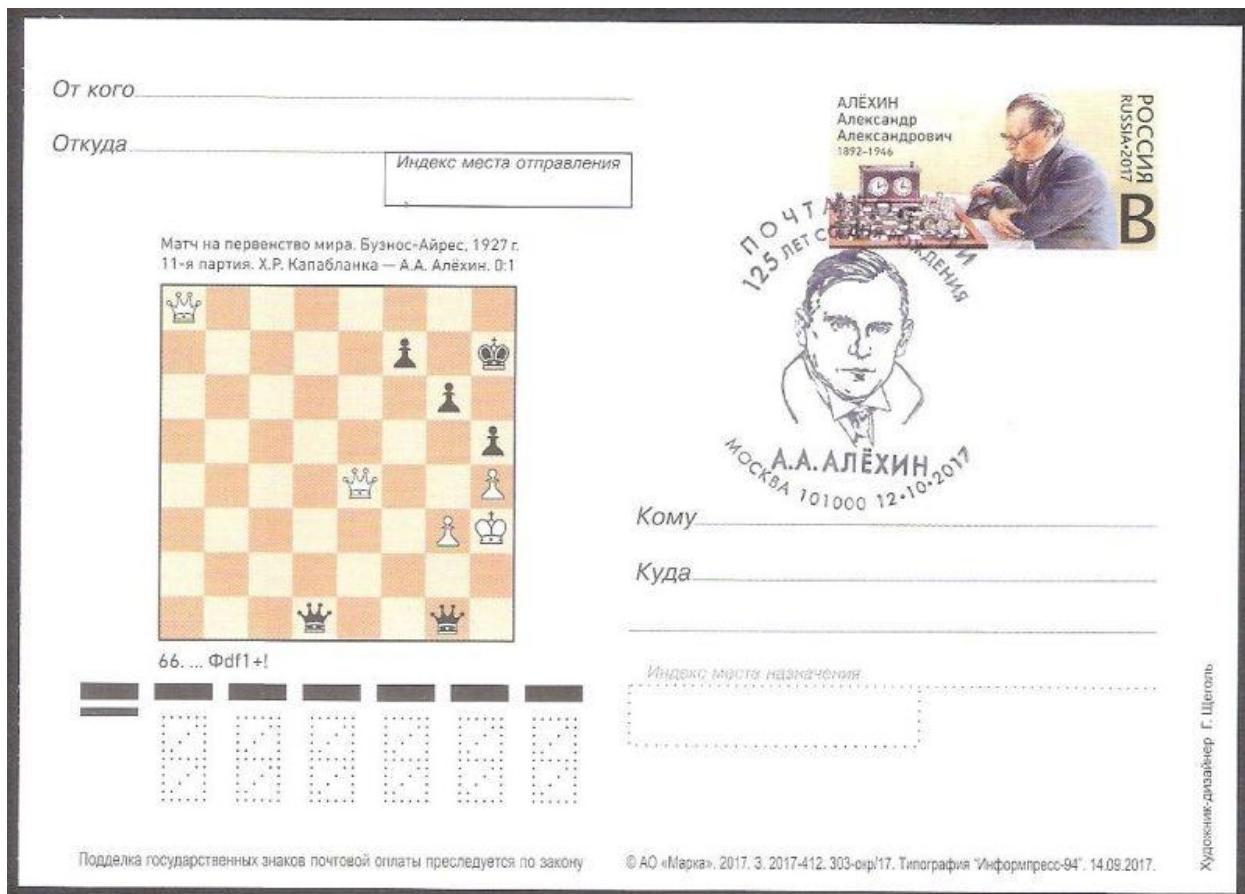
In 2017, Latvia issued a chess stamp.



In 2018, Spain issued a chess stamp.



In 2017, Russia issued a postcard with a special stamp of Alekhine.



There have been fraudulent stamps with chess motifs from Afghanistan, South Ossetia, Mali, Myanmar, Rwanda, Sahara Republic, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan.

Over 140 nations have issued stamps with a chess motif. The United States has not issued any stamp with any chess motif.

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